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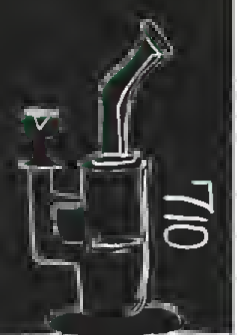

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Aside from imbibing on California's freshest flowers Mary Carreon loves rock n' roll, wearing boots in the summer months, doing yoga to Ravi Shankar, reading the female beat poets, and imagining what it feels like to be a cumulus cloud floating atop the Redwoods in Big Sur. Her cannabis coverage has landed her stories in Forbes and she will have her first book on California cannabis business and regulation published before the end of the year. When Mary's not working you can find her binge watching European football getting rowdy on yerba mate or French wine (depending on the time of day) or camping on the BLM areas of Southern California.

Jefferson Matthew VanBilliard is a Leo that enjoys all things cannabis and is just trying his best. He let us know that although the desert will always be his home you can find him on Fourth St. in Santa Ana battle rapping teenagers or at the local high school where he coaches girls varsity volleyball without anyone's permission

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CANNABIS (R)EVOLUTION: WHY WE OBSERVE THE DAY OF OIL *by Mary Correen*

July 10 is officially here! Hallelujah! For those of you who didn't pick up our inaugural 7/10 Guide issue last year, here's the rundown: July 10, or 7/10, is holiday-cousins with April 20, the day cannabis-flower lovers pack bowls, roll joints and pass blunts at 4:20 a.m. and p.m. But the cannabis revolution of the past decade has led to the plants inevitable evolution. Smoking flower is no longer the only way to consume cannabis. Cannabis-oil has changed the way people use and interact with the plant altogether. In fact, oil's widened the scope of the entire industry and provided a new perspective on the herb, which is the foundation of how and why the new canna-holiday emerged.

According to cannabis lore, 710 day traces back to a man named Taskrok of Highly Educated—a titanium product company that makes tools and accessories for cannabis concentrate connoisseurs, and his friends from Healthstone Glass and BeeHive Oil Clothing companies. Most people didn't know anything about cannabis concentrates (wax, shatter or crumble—all of which come from cannabis oil) in 2011, let alone understand the versatility of oil. But Taskrok and his friends had already tapped into that higher wisdom.

The guys used an online video chat forum called TinyChat to spread the idea of 7/10 being the day of oil. Why 710? Because when you flip the numbers upside down and read them backwards it spells the word OIL. The mysterious Taskrok and his oil loving crew didn't resonate with the OG flower-power of 420 anymore. So, they let the virtual world of TinyChat (and the community of concentrate lovers they'd found) know there was a new time to smoke oil: 7:10 a.m. and p.m. Since then, 710 slowly caught on as a trend across the community and now industry.

What, exactly, are Taskrok and his friends doing now? Probably smoking dabs in the trees of Santa Cruz somewhere. But in this new legal landscape, cannabis oil has reached transcendent popularity. Thanks to oil we have cannabis beverages, cookies, chocolate, vegan bars, mint strips, tea, lotions, salves, lip balms, capsules, transdermal patches, suppositories, tinctures, high terpene-profile smoke-able concentrates, and so much more. Oil has made cannabis more appealing and available to people who don't fit the "stoner" stereotype, which, in turn, helps deteriorate the archaic stigma that's persisted in America since... forever.

Now, seniors are reaching for cannabis-oil products instead of pharmaceuticals and over-the-counter meds. There are companies whose products are designed specifically for the senior demographic, like Papa & Barkley. The Food and Drug Administration made history on June 25 by approving Epidiolex, a strawberry-flavored CBD liquid to help treat children with epilepsy. Basically, cannabis-oil highlights a broader, technical, more scientific side of the plant.

Although we understand more about the ocean and potential life on Mars than we do about cannabis and it's derivatives, we're on the right path. Thanks to cannabis oil and shifts in legality, we're about to enter an era of scientific innovation and discovery. Think of it as our modern day Enlightenment. So, there's a lot to celebrate on this 710 day—and we're happy to help you determine the best way to participate in the festivities. Use this guide as your tool for education, recipes, festivities and more.

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the reserve MAKES WHOLE PLANT CANNABIS INTO ..... an art

by mary carreon

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The health benefits of cannabis have long been ignored thanks to the stigma that's haunted the plant for nearly the last century. But the latter part of the past decade has seen a massive shift in the public perception of cannabis, which has lead to some pretty innovative discoveries—especially considering it's illegal to conduct in-depth research. According to the US National Library of Medicine & National Institutes of Health (NIH), it's believed that stimulating the endocannabinoid system (the system of receptors within the human body that interacts with cannabis' chemical compounds) helps support a healthy immune system.

Alas, one of the biggest subcultures within the cannabis industry is the health and wellness sector. From teas to tinctures to supplements, cannabis offers a lot more for the human body than just getting stoned. Darice Smolenski, the CEO of the former Reserve OC (one of Santa Ana's first licensed dispensaries) recently launched a new product line of clean, high-end flower and exotic concentrates. Although the dispensary is no more, the legacy and devotion to health and wellness through cannabis remains the heart of the business. We caught up with Smolenski to discuss how the Reserve label implements this ethos through their oil products.

OC Weekly: What are the different types of concentrates that Reserve offers?
Darice Smolenski: We offer hash rosin, live rosin, solventless sauce and solventless THC-A.

OCW: What does "solventless" mean?
DS: For reference, trichomes are the tiny, glistening, sticky crystals you see on buds. They're loaded with terpenes, or essential oils, which is what gives every strain of cannabis its unique aromatic profile. So, solventless means we do not use any chemical solvents to extract the vital oils within the trichome heads. Rather, we use ice water to isolate the trichomes. We then use heat and pressure to extract the oil within the trichome head. This technique is what makes us different. Our brand has a health and wellness ethos, and we only produce products that align with that philosophy. We believe this method is one of the best ways to consume concentrates and still maintain that lifestyle. Plus, it makes for really tastey products.

OCW: Can you take us briefly through the process of creating ice water hash rosin?
DS: We start with the freshest cannabis possible and wash it with reverse osmosis water and ice cubes. The ice water freezes the cannabis, causing the trichomes to fall off into the water. We then collect the trichome heads with what's known as bubble bags. Once collected and dried, we press the hash into Hash Rosin, and the WPFF is pressed into what's called Live Rosin.

OCW: What is WPFF?
DS: It stands for Whole Plant Fresh Frozen. This is when we chop the plant down and immediately freeze it to ensure the quality of the trichome heads. This ensures that the trichomes are translucent and fresh. When we say "Hash Rosin" we use cured

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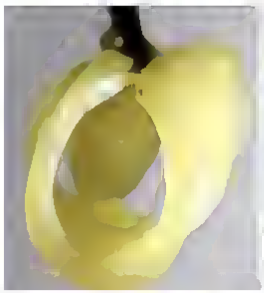
material, or cannabis buds that have undergone a prolonged process of moisture removal under controlled environmental conditions. For Live Rosin we use the whole plant that's been freshly frozen.

OCW. What's the difference between your ice water concentrates, and other concentrates and oils made in the BHO (butane hash oil) process?
DS: Simply put, using ice and water is a natural process. There are many great products made with butane, propane and Co2. But our ice water concentrates don't utilize these methods. We use nature's solvent: water. Every one loves water, including the plant, which is why we choose to do it this way.

OCW. We heard you have exotic concentrates. What types of oils do you offer?
DS. The hash rosin's we offer are mouthwatering. We offer an Apple Fritter flavor, Blue Cookies blended with Gold Ticket and Tangie, Golden Cookies, Golden Strawberries, Peach Rings, Orange Zkittlz and tons of other ones-- literally like 20 more. There are no chemicals added to these concentrates, either. Rather, we used our knowledge of blending the most flavorful cannabis strains in the extraction process and made our own concentrate blends. Even just talking about them is making my mouth water! Anyone who enjoys potent flavors in their concentrates will love these.



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More Than A Lab:
BelCosta Defines Cannabis Testing Standards

by Mary Carreon

January 1, 2018, was the day commercial, and adult-use cannabis became legal in California. On the consumer side of regulation, the last seven months have been peachy—what's not great about walking into any (legal) dispensary and waltzing out with a party bag of flower, edibles, concentrates and more? On the business side of the law, Jan. 1 also signified the start of a massive transition shifting from an unregulated, black market to a legitimate industry. Part of this evolution involves cultivating and manufacturing clean, pesticide-free products. Before this year—or, July 1, really—lab testing wasn't mandatory. So, realistically, tons of pesticide-ridden, fungus covered, dirty products lined the shelves of dispensaries in the guise of "medical-cannabis." Within the last two months, however, state licensed and certified cannabis testing labs have emerged, including BelCosta Labs in Long Beach.

Opening the last week in April, BelCosta became the first lab to open in the Long Beach cannabis market. Upon walking through the entrance, visitors are greeted by the lab's city and state licenses, fire permits, and lab accreditations framed on the wall. They hang like awards, which, considering the many rings of fire one has to leap through to operate legally, those papers are accolades.

Nate Winokur, vice president and operations manager of BelCosta Labs, leads me on a tour of the facility. Scientists and lab technicians work diligently at their lab spaces. He shows me a tray of vials that are in line to be tested and explains the technical processes BelCosta uses to test everything from flower to edibles to concentrates to oils and more.

Winokur has nearly two decades of experience in the industry. He got his start in the lab testing space with SC Labs—the original lab testing group of the industry that opened in 2010. Applying the knowledge he gained from his experiences there, Winokur designed BelCosta's entire lab in three weeks.

"It was intensive to make sure every knob, door, cabinet handle, lab station, and all the scientific equipment was accounted for and matched up with city codes," he said. "But this lab was built from the ground up with an understanding of what a cannabis lab should be. It was also created with growth, and fast and reliable turn around in mind, which was implemented in the design."

A cannabis lab, according to CFO Matt Dechter, should do more than just test for pesticides, fungi, mold, and other issues. BelCosta is, thus, positioning itself to be a resource to the industry by helping companies mitigate problems from the

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get-go. "No one wants to get to the end of the production run and lose hundreds of thousands of dollars because they can't get their product clean," Dechter says. "That's why we want to help throughout the entire lifecycle and growth cycle of whatever they're doing."

Winokur explains BelCosta is set up to test water and soil previous to growing in order to ensure crops are clean from the start. This is crucial because pesticides are systemic. In other words, toxins impact the entire plant, not just the area it touches. Also, the lifespan of a pesticide can last for nearly a century. So if pesticides are in the soil, the plant will inevitably have neurotoxins ingrained in the buds, stock, and leaves. If you clone that plant, the clone will have pesticides in it. "A company will be able to come to us with their raw material," Dechter explains, "and we'll be able to take them all the way through the beginning processes, and get their product on shelves with our testing."

Since the lab's inception, the method has always been to go above and beyond, and provide services that exceed the average lab. BelCosta has more lab accreditations than what's required by state law. For their ISO accreditation, BelCosta went through A2LA, which is thought to be a stricter certification process. No other lab in Southern California currently has that type of ISO accreditation. Additionally, they have a PFC accreditation, too, which is a certification specifically for cannabis labs granted by Americans For Safe Access.

Education is critical through this blossoming industry-wide process because people are still learning about why clean cannabis is essential. Winokur points out that most cultivators don't understand the long-term effects and repercussions of pesticides. What compounds the issue is we don't just ingest these neurotoxins: we light them on fire, which changes the composition of the chemical altogether; and then we inhale, marinating our lungs in harmful toxins. Unfortunately, this has likely happened to anyone who's ever smoked weed, which is why lab testing is vital to our health—it's even vital to our existence—because it can and will drastically slash pesticide intake.

Myron Ronay, BelCosta's CEO and president, recalled a time a company brought in flower that tested clean. But once the herb was made into an edible, the finished product tested positive for pesticides. Guess why? The cinnamon used to make the product had pesticides in it. In other words, the food we eat is not held to the same rigid standards as cannabis, which is scary. Why isn't our food tested this way? It's also a bit unfair to the cannabis industry to be held to such rigid requirements, especially considering hops (a cousin to cannabis) isn't expected to uphold to those standards either.

Pesticide levels aside, BelCosta can also help companies figure out their supply chain—or at least provide suggestions. In other words, if a manufacturer doesn't have a distributor or dispensary connection; or if a cultivator doesn't know what business to go through for manufacturing, distributing or retail services, BelCosta Labs can provide vetted recommendations.

Ronay explains they're also developing a client-specific Q&A program to help ensure a product is clean from the time it's grown to when the oil is extracted and made into edibles, concentrates, topicals, etc. "We're doing this because we don't want any batches to go bad," he says. "What happens then is people often try to push the product through the black market, and we don't want to see it there either because somebody's still going to ingest it when no one should."

BelCosta has taken the difficult road to be what it is today: a glistening, certified, high-end laboratory. Ronay, Dechter, and Winokur are, thus, aiming to define the lab testing standard in California. In an industry that lacks a barometer altogether, it's necessary to have a leader in the lab testing arena.

"We took the time to develop robust standards at our organization," Ronay says. "We've taken the hard road every way possible to make sure we are doing this right. Yes, test results are test results, but people can genuinely trust ours because we've challenged ourselves to do it right and be the lab standard."

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BY JEFFERSON VAN BILLIARD
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As a lifelong resident of California, I've always had cannabis at my fingertips. From smoking spliffs behind the gymnasium at high school dances to sneaking a vape pen on an International flight (which we don't recommend anyone do), my experience with Mary Jane has always been pleasant and rewarding (thankfully). This all changed as I boarded my red eye flight to Cabo San Lucas with my heterosexual life partner Jeph. The horrors that followed are all very real, be warned.

I can blame it on the fact that I'm not a morning person, or maybe it was the back-to-back canceled flights and my poor wardrobe choices. Either way, my brain seized up as soon as the TSA agent made eye contact with me. His eyes seemed to scream, "hey guy, you better not even think about bringing that thing past me." Sweat dropped down the small of my back as I forced the rest of my THC infused lemonade down my throat. I threw away the empty bottle, my Pure disposable vape pen, and any chance I had at enjoying the Cabo sun while stoned.

The flight into our Mexican paradise was anything but pleasant. A bag of Funions and an egg

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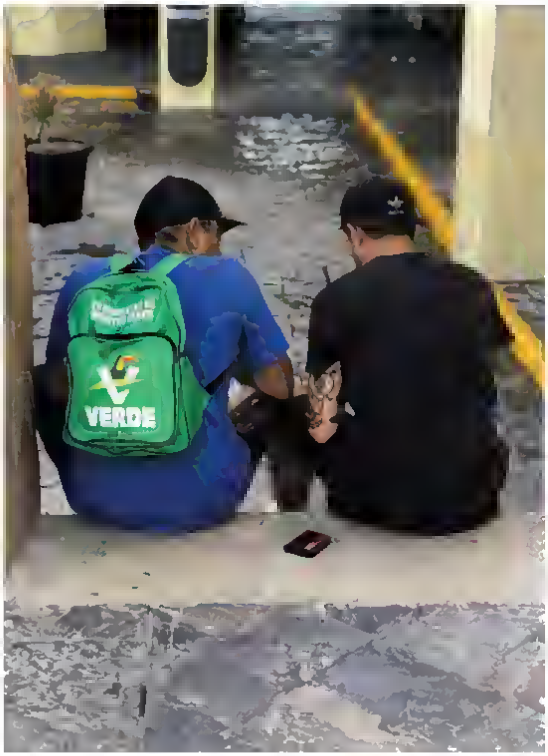

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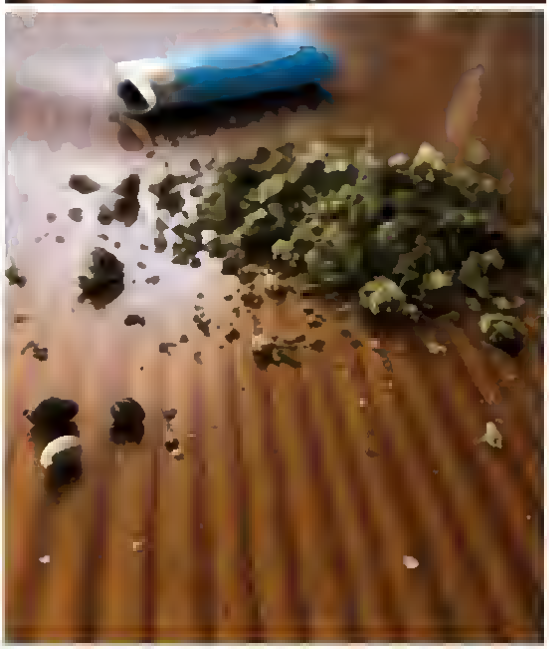
salad sandwich should be avoided while standing on god's green Earth—and on planes they should be considered toxic material. That didn't stop the woman next to us from opting to devour both while taking the last pair of headphones our zealous stewards had on board. I sat watching Black Panther without sound and dreamed of a world without hunger, murder laws, and mayonnaise soaked bread.

We arrived at our hotel, dropped our bags, and headed off into blistering heat of the night. After a blur of tequila shots and what we assumed were tacos being sold out of an alley, we awoke in our twin sized hotel bed. Jeph suggested a short nap on the beach and a few more tacos would soothe the sting of our hangovers, but I knew there was only one thing that could quell the drum-circle happening inside of my head. Marijuana, weed, the chronic, regardless of what you call it, I was searching for it. Thankfully you don't have to look very far in Cabo for flowers, as the streets are lined with men whispering whatever drug they assume you're looking for. It must be my hair because I passed several "Molly's" before a man with a green backpack said the magic words.

We agreed to a fee of $30 and an awkward handshake before I made my way along the boardwalk, towards my comatose companion. I glanced towards a Ruth's Chris and a Haagan Das while contemplating why the city looked more like Main Street in Huntington Beach rather than another country. With no time to spare we gathered our belongings and pre-



pared to get a bit of relief back at the hotel. I tore open the bag and groaned. The smell was similar to a spice rack, unused and forgotten in a pantry at your grandmothers house. The flowers were hard and devoid of any qualities you would call "good". After a survey of the tools we had available I settled on a discarded beer can from our previous night's festivities.

Unsurprisingly the taste wasn't any better, a cloud of lemon scented nightmare fuel coated the deserted wasteland I used to call my lungs. I coughed and laid down on the tiny bed I suspect the front desk gave us as a cruel joke. My head seemed to somehow hurt worse than it did before, and my mouth tasted like jet fuel. As we returned to the pool for more tequila I swore I would never bring a child into such a cruel world where weed like that exists.

After several booze soaked days and a stolen jet ski our lawyers told us not to mention, our return flight brought us home to the safety of the Orange Curtain. I silently thanked the budtenders that painstakingly work to keep lawn clippings sold as pot off our streets and set a course for my personal favorite dispensary in OC. Temple of Supreme Purity is located at the end of the 55 freeway and more importantly, the end of my vacation. Jackie greeted me, and before I could say "dos cervezas," I was walking out the door with a syringe of Tropical Haze concentrate oil from Naked THC and headed home to experience the euphoric effects from my couch. I can't say that all the cannabis outside of California is a bad as my experience, but I can say we still have the best.

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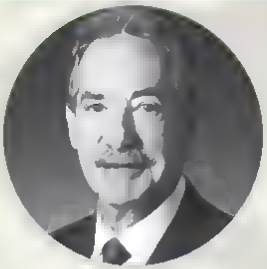

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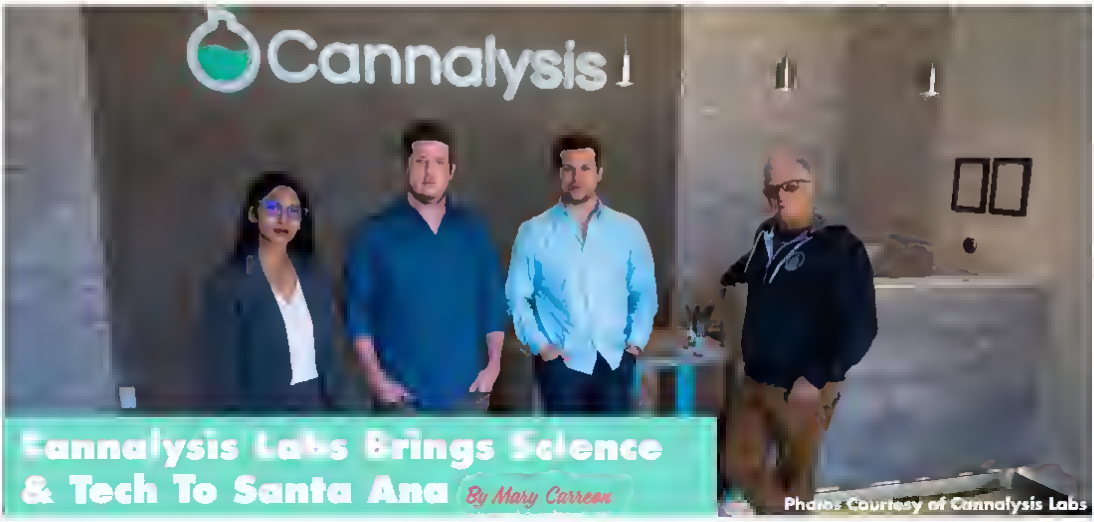

Cannalysis Labs Brings Science & Tech To Santa Ana

By Mary Carreon

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Chief Officer of Science at OC's first cannabis-testing laboratory talks to us about the new facility, public health, regulations, and where all the products went that were supposed to be destroyed after the July 1 deadline

The cannabis industry is currently in a state of flux, which inevitably means most businesses are in a state of panic. It's essentially been this way since the onset of the Medicinal And Adult Use Regulatory And Safety Act (MAUCRSA). But the industry recently faced another deadline implemented by the Bureau of Cannabis Control (BCC) that reignited the mayhem. July 1 marked the end of the transition period, meaning all products require testing to be sold in retail stores. The products on shelves, however, must be removed from the store and destroyed, unless they've been tested by a licensed lab and have the paperwork to prove it. As a result, dispensaries have offered month-long sales offering as much as 80 percent off to get the products off their shelves—better enjoyed than destroyed, right?

According to *New Cannabis Ventures*, in March 2018 there were 599 licensed manufacturers, 892 cultivators and over 800 dispensaries, but less than 30 licensed lab-testing facilities. Somehow, those 20-someodd labs are supposed to fulfill the needs of all the licensed manufacturers and cultivators. Since January it's been speculated that licensed cannabis companies will experience major problems since most labs are predicting a shortage of testing services, long waits for results and, of course, delays in getting approval to sell the products.

Labs aren't backing down to the tidal wave of work, however. Located in Santa Ana, Cannalysis (pronounced analysis with a hard-sounding "c" at the beginning) is one of the 30 licensed labs ready to take on the challenge. It's currently the only lab in Orange County, which is fine for now because most of OC upholds prohibition. But that doesn't mean Cannalysis isn't slammed with work.

We caught up with Swetha Kaul, the chief scientific officer at Cannalysis, to talk about all things lab testing, the issues she sees with the current lab testing requirements and if everyone actually destroyed all their products after July 1?

OC Weekly: When was Cannalysis founded?
Swetha Kaul: The company was actually founded in Costa Mesa back in 2015 by Co-Founders Brian Lannon and Tyler Autera. Obviously this was pre-regulation, but they started with the idea of the new law being on the horizon and lab testing being an important piece of the puzzle. So they began to build something that would be at the forefront of that. But we began our licensing process to open Cannalysis in Santa Ana back in January, and we didn't receive our city and state licenses until a month ago. It's been a journey.

OCW: How has business been over the last month?
SK: We are experiencing an influx of business right now! We have over 200 different accounts. A limited amount of them are actually licensed, though, so we are coaching them. But we can't provide services to

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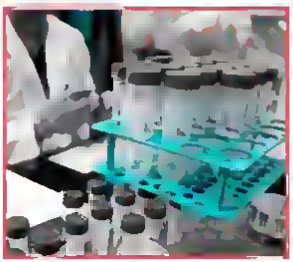

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them yet. Of the ones that are licensed, we're going to have quite a few samples to test so I guess that kind of makes up for the difference

OCW: What makes Cannalysis different from the other few labs that exist?
SK: One way is that we are also a tech company. We build software to make data analysis and all the processes easier. We try to eliminate manual data entry and anything where the lab technician has to write something down as much as possible. We use barcodes to link all of our samples to each other in the lab. So, every vial you pick up or see will have a barcode on it, and when you scan the code it'll tell you exactly what the product is, who manufactured it, and what primary sample it's linked to.

We are big on using technology to the point where now we're expanding and have a director of robotics and operation. So that's a huge piece of the puzzle of getting compliant and ready for the next coming year, and using as much robotics and automation as much as possible to make the processes better and more efficient.

OCW: What's been the biggest struggle about getting licensed?
SK: So, last November the Bureau of Cannabis Control released the Emergency Regulations, which everyone in the industry's been abiding by. Then, this past June 8, they released a revision to those regulations. That is now the new law everyone must abide by in order to be compliant. There were things that changed and with the July 1 testing requirements, it created a very small window of time to alter and fix things. There were some changes that we needed to implement in our lab to by July 1, which made me wonder if they'd thought about the timeline on all this? It takes a lot of work getting all things in place. And they haven't released the final regulations yet so who knows if there will be changes to come that we're going to have to implement. But change is the essence of this industry, so we're maneuvering through it as best we can.

OCW: How does the July 1 transition period cut-off effect you?
SK: There was a lot of misunderstanding around the July 1 deadline. People just assumed that they didn't need to test until July 1. But what the regs actually say is that all product that was harvested or manufactured before Jan. 1, 2018 doesn't require testing. But if you'd manufactured or harvested between Jan 2018 and July, you're required to have those products lab tested. So all products require testing as of July 1, which is a big change. It doesn't matter what the product is, if it is on a retail shelf it needs to have a full compliance test. And if it doesn't, you're responsible for either re-testing and remediating or destroying that product.

But let's be honest. I mean, how many people are actually going to destroy their product? Or are we actually just helping the illicit market by doing it this way? I'm not sure. I don't know how they would know for sure if a product was destroyed, considering Metric, the name of the state's track-and-trace system, isn't up and running yet for people with temporary licenses—and labs only have temporary licenses.

OCW: Are there any areas of the lab testing requirements that need to be changed?
SK: I already know there are things in the testing requirements that are going to need fixing. So I come from the pharmaceutical and food industries, and we usually test the total count of pathogens. So, you're looking at total yeast and mold, or total E. coli and chloroform. But for some reason the BCC is not doing that.

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OCW: Oh, please elaborate.

SK: So, we're supposed to test solvents and pesticides and all of those things, but the BCC decided to only go with four Aphrogillus mold species, salmonella and shigatoxin E. coli. So those are the only things outside of pesticides and residual solvents we're testing for. But, because of my scientific testing background, I still test for the total counts of things—the way we do in the pharmaceutical and food industries—and now I'm in a situation where I've had product that's tested positive for yeast or chloroform or even different kinds of mold, but they don't test positive for the specific species the BCC outlined. The client will be like, 'So I passed, right?' and I'm like, 'NO ONE SHOULD BE SMOKING THIS!'

OCW: So there's a loophole?

SK: Exactly. So the basis of this problem isn't that the microbial regulations identify the species level of what needs to be watched out for. The problem is that the species list the BCC identifies is very narrow, which creates a loophole in which all of the other stuff can slide by because it's not going to show up. So, for instance, one of the most common molds that attack cannabis is botrytis, but we're not even testing for that. People shouldn't be ingesting this kind of stuff. Although yeast or mold might not kill you, it's definitely not good for you. And if you have long-term exposure to it and change its chemical makeup by heating it up, there could be some negative consequences down the line.

OCW: How can we fix this problem?

SK: Education. We need to let the BCC know. Scientists and those working in labs have a responsibility to bring this up to them. But I want to be clear that I'm not asking for more testing. I'm just genuinely curious as to why we are not looking at more than just these very narrow listed of species outlined in the regulations. Also, here's the thing: the tests to look for the species in the regulations requires equipment that can look at DNA, which are expensive. But when you look at total counts, all that needs to be done is see what grows petri dishes, which is very cheap and easy to do. It's the traditional way testing's been done, and it can reduce the cost of the microbial testing for businesses. Most importantly, though, it gives you an overall idea of what kind of crap is actually in your stuff. I think this is more relevant for a new industry. It'll help us collect the proper testing data, too. That's why this issue exists: because we don't have the proper data of what we really should be looking for.

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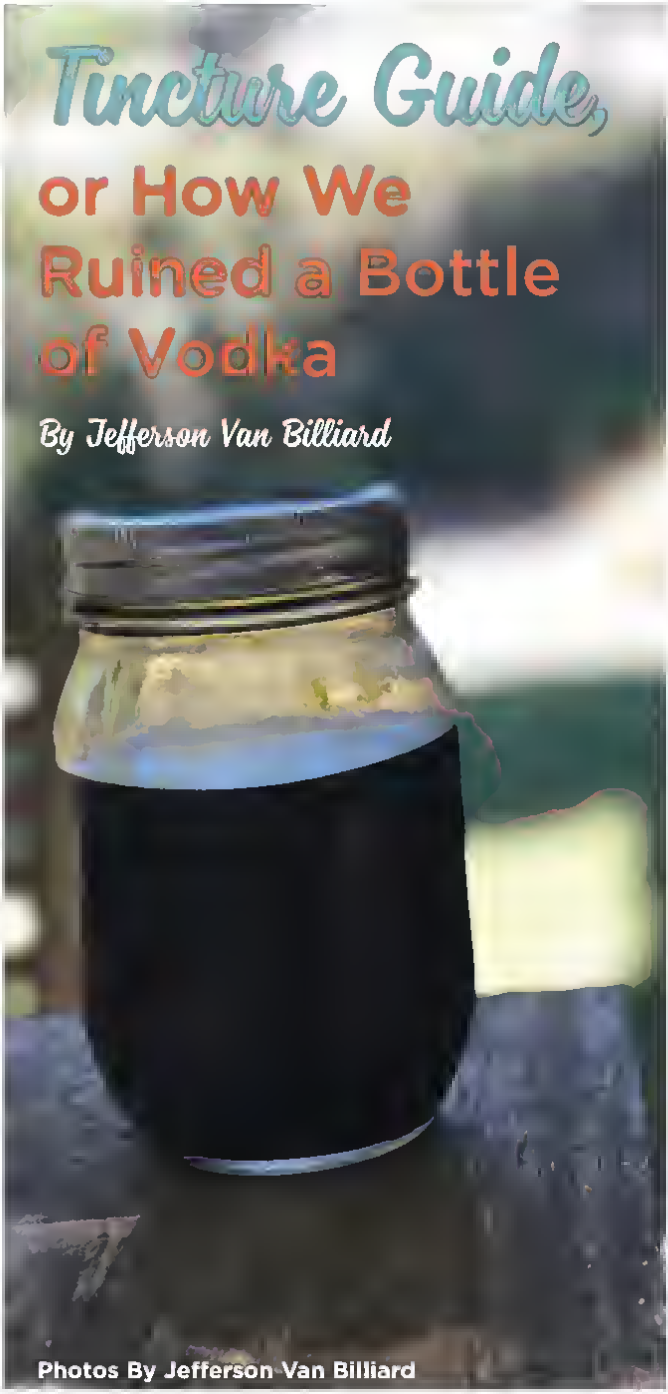

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So you've spent a few months growing out a ridiculous mustache and those vintage suspenders you ordered off eBay have finally arrived. You might think you're ready to be a cannabis mixologist, but you still have some work ahead of you. This guide will help navigate you towards a cocktail tailor-fitted to your specific tastes in order to have you looking like Tom Cruise before all the weird ritualistic church stuff and/or fake relationships.

There's a very easy way to make cocktails for yourself at home. Several products labeled as syrups containing various flavors and THC content are available at most dispensaries and provide a user friendly experience as a replacement for sugar in homemade drinks. For people that aren't ready to dive into the world of imbibing we'd suggest pairing one of Cannavis brand signature flavors in your next margarita or dirty shirley. With flavors ranging from lemon-lime to peach, a capful of their potent potions will help guide you to a deeper state of relaxation while you try and figure out what Kanye meant when he said "poop-a-dee-scoop" on his latest album.

So now that we've explored the possibilities of sugar based elixirs we can begin to tackle something that requires a little more thought and a bit of patience. We began by purchasing a bottle of Tito's vodka and gathering about a 1/4 of various strains that had been left over from our 4/20 office party. We combined the two in a mason jar and stored it in our fridge, right behind Debra from HR's bottle of Ranch so we knew it would be safe. Then we forgot about it. Honestly, it was the best possible outcome because we recently unearthed our unexpected cannabis time capsule and what we found next will shock you.

Ok it probably won't shock you. What we got was a very dark, murky, mix of Texas-lies and cannabis. Once the solids were separated from the alcohol we got to work creating a cocktail that would suit this vegetal mess we'd created.

After several tests we concluded two things:

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